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Mr. T. F. LaMore, Manager Shale Oil/Tar Sands Sohio Shale Oil Company 50 South Main Street, Suite 930 Salt Lake City, Utah 84144

> RE: Asphalt Ridge Tar Sands Project DOE/047/018 Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. LaMore:

The Division is in receipt of Sohio's Declaration of Exemption for its Asphalt Ridge Project in Uintah County. Per my conversation with Bob Dudiak today (October 27, 1983), nothing more is required at this time as long as the operation remains within the two acre limitation. The Division appreciates Sohio's commitment to perform reclamation at the conclusion of this effort.

As I discussed with Bob, should Sohio decide to proceed with a full scale operation, the Division will need at least six months to review and process your permit application due to our present and projected workload. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.
COORDINATOR OF MINED
LAND DEVELOPMENT

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cc: T. Tetting, DOGM